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Mint of the United States December 4, 1815

Alexander J. Dallas, Esq. Secretary of the Treasury Washington City

Sir,

I have received you favor of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult., expressing the wish of the Secretary of the Navy that the machinery of the Mint should be employed in striking such medals as Congress had directed to be presented to certain officers of the Navy.

You will please, Sir, to inform the Secretary of the Navy that the machinery of the Mint, so far as may not expose it to injury by the employment of unskillful workmen, nor interfere with the necessary operations of the Institution, shall be at his service, for the above purpose.

Give me leave, Sir, further to suggest that the business of procuring the medals which have been or may be directed by Congress, would be greatly simplified, and perhaps economized, by a direct application from the proper department, to the Director of the Mint; who would cheerfully and gratuitously undertake the necessary agency in procuring the dies to be forged, turned, cut and hardened; the gold and silver to be purchased and refined, and the medals to be struck.

I am, sir, with very great respect, Your obedient servant, R. M. Patterson

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